





February 2025 Call for Innovation FAQs

What is the CICE February 2025 Call for Innovation?

CICE invests in solutions that can drive economic growth, create jobs, and position Canada as a leader in clean energy and climate technology. Our funding unlocks the opportunity for B.C. innovators in the climate technology sector to validate and scale their world-class solutions. This call is open to projects in any of the following four focus areas: low carbon bio and synthetic fuels, battery and energy storage, low carbon hydrogen, or carbon management.

For this funding call, CICE has identified the following areas of priority within each of our focus areas:

 <p>LOW CARBON BIO & SYNTHETIC FUELS</p>	<p>Advanced biofuels: Technology and business model innovations to diversify feedstocks and integrate value chains for advanced biofuel production with an identified customer.</p> <p>Biocarbon: Conversion technologies that accelerate the commercial production of biocarbon products including biochar, bio-oil, and syngas with an identified market.</p>
 <p>BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE</p>	<p>Performance and Sustainability: Innovative solutions that boost the competitiveness and sustainability of battery and energy storage systems by enhancing operational performance, safety, and supply chain processes, and reducing environmental impact through reuse, upcycling, or recycling.</p>
 <p>LOW CARBON HYDROGEN</p>	<p>Promoting hydrogen end-use: Use of hydrogen, hydrogen derivatives, and co-products of hydrogen production in applications that de-risks hydrogen adoption and creates demand.</p>
 <p>CARBON MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>Wildfire: Solutions across the value chain that address predictive modeling, early detection, land management, firefighting, spread halting, fire-resistant materials, increased forest and community resiliency, and other wildfire innovation technologies and practices.</p>

CICE invites proposals for innovative climate solutions from qualified applicants whose solutions align with our objectives.

Historically, CICE has awarded an average of \$700,000 per project to applicants applying through our innovation calls. CICE invested almost \$18 million in 2024.

Who can apply for the February 2025 Call for Innovation?

CICE will accept applications for project funding from incorporated organizations with a B.C. presence. Companies must demonstrate effective management, operational capacity, and sufficient financial backing to complete their project and advance their commercial potential.

Consortia of companies working together to complete a project are acceptable and welcomed. In such cases a single lead company must become the applicant.

How can I apply for the February 2025 Call for Innovation?

We will be accepting applications from February 4th – April 30th, 2025. The apply now link on the call page will bring you to the application form. The first phase involves detailing your project through short answer questions and a 5-minute video discussing your project. See application guideline for more details.

How much funding is available through this call for innovation?

Historically, CICE has awarded an average of \$700,000 per project through our innovation calls. In 2024 alone, CICE contributed nearly \$18 million in funding. Funding for this Call may be distributed between multiple projects at our discretion, depending upon the strength and number of proposals received. CICE reserves the right not to fund any projects.

What are the minimum and maximum total amounts that can be requested?

CICE will fund up to 50% of the total project cost. CICE intends to invest in several projects of different sizes. Historically, CICE has awarded an average of \$700,000 per project through our innovation calls.





What will the funding cover? E.g. prototyping of new equipment, R&D, employee salaries?

Project funds can be used to pay salaries, consultants, and reasonable direct costs related to the project proposed in the application. Funds can also be used to secure demonstration sites (including the operating costs of demonstrations), build prototypes, integrate system components, demonstrate pilot production or scale up manufacturing.

Project funds **cannot** be used to enhance normal business operational capabilities, purchase capital equipment, perform capital or leasehold improvements or purchase furniture or other equipment to be used in the routine course of business. Project funds cannot be used for advertising or other forms of business promotion. Human resource costs cannot be 'marked up' to include blanket overheads.

What types of projects are eligible for funding?

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Project activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Integrating and testing components in a laboratory or simulated environment to validate or improve technology reliability
- Demonstrating prototypes or system models in operational environments to enhance technological maturity
- Demonstrating and implementing plans to scale technology production
- Linking system components to create complete solutions
- Developing standards to enable technology deployment
- Creating business partnerships to demonstrate system solutions and conducting demonstration projects with potential customers.

There are other requirements and details in the application guide. Please review before applying.

How should applicants estimate and report the impact of their projects, particularly in terms of GHG emissions reductions?

The application should include a lifecycle analysis of the innovation, along with estimates of GHG emissions reductions, both at the project level and at scale. Assumptions and calculations should follow industry-standard methodologies, and supporting references or studies must be available upon request. In cases where it is more appropriate, such as in load-displacement applications, proposals may use proxies for GHG emissions (e.g., energy consumption metrics) for the calculations.

Are projects/technologies currently in development eligible?

Yes, project activities may include, but are not limited to, demonstrations and pilot projects, innovative implementation solutions, novel linkage of system components, mitigation or monitoring technologies, and business model innovations. See application guideline for more details.

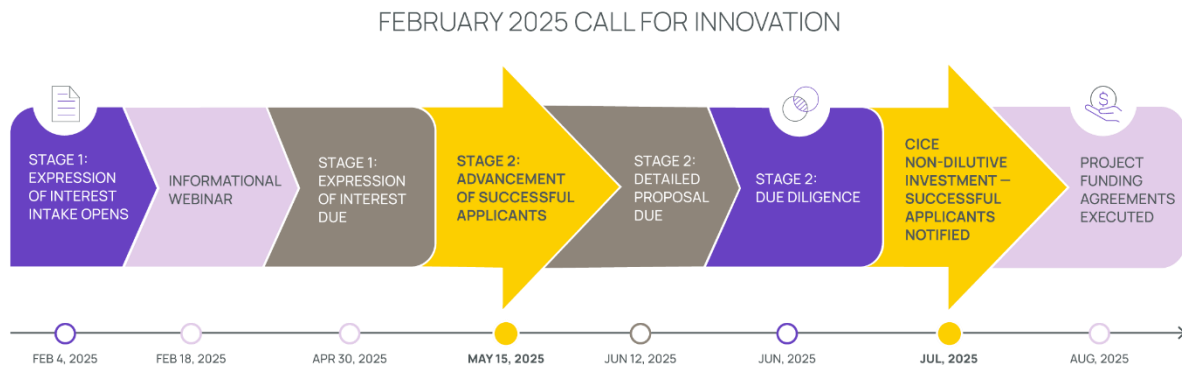
My company is based outside of B.C., but we have a project in the province. Are we eligible?

For this call, CICE will consider applications from Canadian-based businesses with projects within the province of British Columbia.

My company is based in B.C., but our project is outside of the province. Are we eligible?

Companies who are based in B.C. will be considered for this call, even if their project is out of the province.

What is the expected timeline for the February 2025 Call for Innovation?



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Once the successful projects are notified, we will collaborate with the companies to develop a milestone plan. As each project milestone is achieved, the corresponding portion of the investment will be dispersed. On average, it is a two-year cycle to receive the funding.

Can partnerships or consortia of companies apply? Can larger enterprises support and partner with start-ups for this funding opportunity?

Consortia of companies working together to complete a project are acceptable and welcomed. In such cases, it is recommended that a single lead company should become the applicant.

I’ve received funding from previous CICE calls for innovation. Can I still apply?

Yes! We’d be happy to hear about your new projects or follow-on funding opportunities.

What types of projects and/or companies have you funded through previous calls for innovation?

We fund companies with innovative clean energy and climate solutions that focus on decarbonization and commercialization. Visit our website to learn more about CICE's funded projects: <https://cice.ca/projects/>

I don't fit the criteria for this Call for Innovation, but we meet the criteria for other funding calls. Can I speak to someone about other funding opportunities?

Sign up for email updates and follow CICE on social media to stay up to date on what calls are being offered! CICE launches a variety of directed calls, as well as open calls to see what innovation is in the market, with a focus on our four focus areas: battery and energy storage, carbon management, low carbon fuels, and low carbon hydrogen. [Check out the current funding opportunities here.](#)

Who can I contact for more information?

Contact us with any questions at info@cice.ca.